coffee consumers, instant coffee manufacturers, and an eminent personality in the field of research/marketing/management of coffee have been included in the Board. The Board has succeeded in carrying out the functions entrusted to it by the Coffee Act.

Appointment of the Commissioner of Fisheries, Gujarat as a Member of MPEDA

1025. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed Shri Christie Fernandes, Commissioner of Fisheries, Gujarat, as a member of the Marine Products Exports Development Authority,

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the present Secretary of the Fisheries Department, Gujarat, has refused permission to Shri Christie for attending the last two meetings of the Authority and has suggested to the Authority that he should be appointed a member of the same in place of Shri Christie; and

(c) if so, what action do Government propose to take to ensure that Shri Christie is able to attend the meetings of the Authority in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government are not aware that the Secretary of the Fisheries Department of Government of Gujarat has re- j fused peran'ssion to Shri Christie Fernandes to attend meetings of MPEDA. On receipt of a proposal now from the Government of Gujarat, action has been taken for appointing Secretary, Ports, Transport and Fisheries Department of that Government as member of MPEDA in place of Commissioner of Fisheries.

1026. *[Transferred to the 11th November,* 1987.]

Bank Robbery in State Bank of Mysore Branch in Connaught Place, New Delhi

1027. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrests have been made in connection with the bank robbery case in the State Bank of Mysore branch in Connaught Place, New Delhi, in the month of May, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE I MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In the incident of burglary, also involving double murder, in the State Bank of Mysore, Connaught Place branch, New Delhi, in the month of May, 1986, Rs. 9. 68 lakhs in cash, some foreign currency and gold ornaments, were stolen. In this connection, 2 persons were arrested on suspicion. The finger-prints lifted from the spot have tallied with the sample finger impression of one of the accused persons arrested. Part of the stolen cash/property lias also been recovered.

Regional Minimum Wage Policy for Certain Industries

1028. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for introducing a regional minimum wage policy for certain industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The question of Regional Minimum Wage was considered in the 36th Session of the Labour Ministers' Conference. One of the conclusions of the Conference was that the regional minimum wages may be considered employmentwise for selected employment (s) and the Regional Advisory forum will go into specific employment(s) where